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Amendment

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REMARKS

Claims 1-20 remain in the application. Claims 1, 2, 6 - 12, 15, 16, 18, 19 and 20 have been amended. Claims 4, 13, and 17 have been cancelled. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in light of the claim amendments and the remarks below.

OBJECTION TO THE SPECIFICATION

The Office Action objected to the specification for certain informalities. The Applicant has amended the specification, as suggested by the Examiner.

OBJECTION TO THE CLAIMS

The Office Action objected to claims 1-14 and 16-20 for certain informalities. Applicant has made the amendments suggested by the Examiner in order to correct the informalities. Moreover, on claims 4 and 17 the Office Action states that the word "similar" is indefinite. Applicant respectfully traverses and states that "similar" has an ordinary meaning as stated in well-known dictionaries. For example "related in appearance or nature; alike though not identical" in *The American Heritage Dictionary*, Houghton Mifflin, 1982.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C §102

The Office Action rejected claims 1, 2, 8-10, 12, 15, and 16 under 35 USC §102 as being anticipated by Permer (U.S.6,791,873). Claim 1 was amended to include the limitations of claim

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4 which was found to be allowable. Claim 8 was amended to include the limitations of claim 13 which was found to be allowable. Claim 15 was amended to include the limitations of claim 17 which was found to be allowable. Therefore independent claims 1, 8 and 15 are now in allowable form. Claims 4, 13, and 17 have been cancelled. The other pending claims are dependent on allowable claims and are allowable because their parent claims are allowable.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C §103

The Office Action rejected claims 5 and 11 under 35 USC §103 as being unpatentable over Perner in view of Savtchenko (U.S. 6,545,906). These claims are also allowable for the same reasons that their parent claims are allowable.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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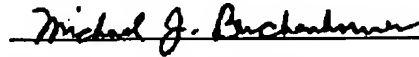
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